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This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on November 18, 2002 and to the communication that was mailed on February 7, 2003. The cross-reference to related applications in the specification has been updated -- in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii) -- to reflect that the parent application has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,448,243.

Applicants rely on the election of species confirmation and Terminal Disclaimer filed in the Amendment of January 28, 2003 for their substantive response to the Office Action.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is invited to contact Richard Gallagher, Reg. No. 28,781, at (703) 205-8008.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In place of the insertion that was directed by the Amendment of January 28, 2003, the first paragraph on page 1 is amended as follows:

This application is a divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/367,227, filed on August 11, 1999, for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/367,227 issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,448,243 B1 on September 10, 2002. Application No. 09/367,227 is the U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP98/01481 filed on March 31, 1998. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Application No. JP 9-98433 and JP 9-366764 filed in Japan on March 31, 1997 and December 26, 1997, respectively.